

Appendix 14

Faculty of Health, Social Care & Education: Social Work Programmes

Preparation for Interview: Suggested background reading

As applicants for a professional course, you will be expected to recognise the importance of written ideas and to have established the habit of reading. Several aspects of society and human behaviour are of great importance in social work, and it is reasonable to expect someone wishing to make a career in social work to be aware of at least some of these. Applicants are therefore required to demonstrate some understanding of the knowledge and skills required for social work practice, and to have an awareness of issues relating to, for example, poverty, class, race, gender and human development.

This list is only intended to guide you to understanding more about social work theory, knowledge and skills, and social policy issues. You are **not** expected to read every book on this list but we expect that you undertake some preparation for the interview and the programme by reading elements of one or two of these, or similar texts that go beyond the depth and scope of that found in novels or on websites.

Introductory Texts

- Adams, R, Dominelli, L., & Payne, M. (2009) *Social Work themes: Issues and Critical Debates*, 3rd Edition. London: Palgrave MacMillan.
- Cree, V. (2011) *Social Work: A reader*, London Routledge
- Doel, M. & Best, L (2008) *Experiencing Social Work*. London: Sage
- Horner, N. (2019) *What is Social Work? Contexts and Perspectives*. 5th Edition. Exeter: Learning Matters
- Howe, D. (2009) *A Brief Introduction to Social Work Theory*. London: Palgrave MacMillan
- Lisham, J. (2015) *Handbook for Practice Learning in Social Work and Social Care: Knowledge and Theory*. 3rd Edition. London: Jessica Kingsley
- Teater, B. (2014) *An Introduction to Applying Social Work Theories and Methods*. 2nd Edition. Berkshire: McGraw Hill Open University Press.
- Thompson, N. (2020) *Understanding Social Work: Preparing for Practice*. 5th Edition. London: Palgrave MacMillan
- Thompson, N. (2016) *Anti-Discriminatory Practice*. 6th Edition. London: Palgrave MacMillan
- Trevithick, P. (2012) *Social Work Skills: A practice handbook*. 3rd edition. Maidenhead: Open University Press.
- Wilson, K., Ruch, G., Lymberry, M., Cooper, A (2011) *Social Work: an introduction to contemporary practice*. 2nd edition, London: Pearson Longman.

Useful Websites include the following:

- The British Association of Social Workers: <http://www.basw.co.uk/>
- International Federation of Social Workers: <http://ifsw.org/>
- Social Care Institute for Excellence: <http://www.scie.org.uk/>
- Social work England; <https://socialworkengland.org.uk>
- British Associate of Social Work (BASW) www.basw.co.uk

You will also find the **Society** section of *The Guardian* newspaper of interest, especially in relation to contemporary affairs in social care. <https://www.theguardian.com/society>